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Activities

The TCCI gave mission members a presentation on the industrial situation and structure in Tokyo. TCCI has a membership of some 50,000 small and medium sized companies. Its main responsibility is to help such businesses establish needed business contacts. In this regard, TCCI feels that international cooperation is essential. Tokyo is becoming an international finance centre and there is a growing movement toward service industries and research and development facilities in the city. As well, the number of small factories is increasing as labour costs escalate, automation increases, land costs rise, large companies employ more sub-contractors, the product market becomes more specialized and diversified, greater emphasis is placed on advanced technology and high quality parts, and just-in-time production spreads.

In the Tokyo area, service industries account for 45 per cent of economic output, 38 per cent of the workforce and 31 per cent of the office space. Seventy per cent of TCCI members are in the service sector, with the remainder being in the primary sector. The secondary industry in Tokyo revolves around precision equipment, publishing and leather processing.

Industry in Tokyo has to deal with high cost-land. Prices have soared almost out of control. In the Ginza area land prices run more than \$190,000 per square meter, while in Minato-ku they are between \$57,000 and \$95,000/square meter.